



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: SCOTT E. BOATMAN et al
Appln. No.: 09/848,742
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UNITARY, CONTINUOUS PORTION
OF VARYING DUROMETER

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In response to the Office Action mailed May 7, 2003 (Paper #9), the shortened statutory period of response having been extended 1 month to September 7, 2003 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants respectfully submit this paper comprising the following parts:

- I. **Listing of Claims**, beginning on page 2; and
- II. **Remarks**, beginning on page 10.

Applicants note that the Transmittal to which this paper is attached includes a Certificate of Mailing under 37 C.F.R §1.8; and a fee statement calculating any fee(s) presently due in connection with the filing of this paper, along with an authorization to charge any fee deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.